

**Department of Historic Resources
Reconnaissance Level Survey**

Accomack

DHR Id#: 001-0027-0056

Resource Identification

Property Name(s): WFF # F-030 - Wallops Employee Morale
Association Recreational Facility {Current}
Property Date: 1950
Address(s): Wormhoudt Road {Current}
County/Independent City: Accomack
Vicinity of: Chincoteague
State, Zip: Virginia 23337
USGS Quad Name: CHINCOTEAGUE WEST
Surrounding area: Rural

<p>National Register Eligibility Status Property is Historic (50 years or older)</p>

Resource Description

Ownership Status: Public - Federal
Acreage: 0.5

Primary Resource Exterior Component Description:

<u>Component</u>	<u>Comp Type/Form</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Material Treatment</u>
Chimneys	Chimneys - None		
Foundation	Foundation - Slab	Concrete	Foundation - Poured
Porch	Porch - None		
Roof	Roof - Flat		Roof - Not visible
Structural System	Structural System - Masonry	Concrete	Structural System - Block
Windows	Windows - Sash, double-hung	Wood	Windows - 6/6

Site Description: Set on the edge of a wooded area to the east and behind building F-157.

WUZIT Count:		
<u>No.</u>	<u>Wuzit Types</u>	<u>Historic?</u>
1	Pump House	Historic

NR Resource Count:

Individual Resource Information

WUZIT: Pump House

Est. Date of Construction: 1950 {Owner/written data}	Accessed? No Not accessible
Primary Resource? Yes	Number of Stories: 1.0
Architectural Style: Other	Condition: Fair
Interior Plan Type: Undivided Space (non-domestic)	Threats to Resource: Deterioration Neglect

Description: This small, one-story concrete block building, built in 1950, has a poured concrete slab foundation and a low pitch (almost flat) wood shed roof with aluminum flashing along the edges; the roof materials are not visible. The original door opening on the west elevation has a plywood insert that has a smaller door cut into it. A single, six-over-six double hung wood sash window with concrete sill is located on the east elevation.

Cemetery Information

Bridge Information

National Register Eligibility Information

Historic Context(s): Military/Defense

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Historic Time Period(s):..... S- The New Dominion (1941- Present)

Significance Statement: This small building, constructed in 1950, originally served as one of several pump houses for the Chincoteague Naval Auxiliary Air Station (CNAAS) and the Naval Air Ordnance Test Station (NAOTS). The building is shown as “F-30” on the 1950 “Map of Navy Auxiliary Air Station and Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia” prepared by the U.S. Navy. It was called the “Water Pump House” on the 1953 “Station Development Map – Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Naval Aviation Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia” by the U.S. Navy. It was again identified as “F-30” on the 1957 “General Development Plan – Naval Air Station, Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia” by U.S. Navy. The structure is now is used for storage of recreational items for the Wallops Employee Morale Association (WEMA). It is located on the east side of Wormhoudt Street, south of the Property and Supply Building (001-0027-0049, WFF # F-007). A wooded area is located behind the structure to the east.

This building is an example of a secondary industrial property type that gained importance in the New Dominion (1941-present) period and was one of several structures built on CNAAS following the end of World War II. Established in 1943, CNAAS was used as a training base for Navy aircraft carrier squadrons that would be serving in the Pacific theater of World War II, and to enable Civil Air Patrol to conduct antisubmarine operations off the Atlantic coast. In 1946, the U.S. Navy expanded the mission of CNAAS to include the Naval Air Ordnance Test Station (NAOTS). By 1949, the U.S. Navy discontinued aircraft carrier training and in 1951 CNAAS became a Naval Air Facility, with a primarily-research based mission that corresponded with the mission of NAOTS until the base was closed in 1959. In 1959, the ownership of CNAAS was transferred to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and was renamed Wallops Station.

The Wallops Employee Morale Association Recreational Facility has been evaluated both as a contributing resource in a historic district and as an individual resource. Issues of significance, integrity and district boundaries were carefully considered. A proposed district comprising this resource lacks integrity of design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association due to the removal of the majority of buildings from the period of significance (1936 to 1959) and the construction of later buildings. Thus a historic district here is not eligible under Criterion A, B, C or D.

The resource is not eligible for listing in the National Register or the Virginia Landmarks Register under Criterion A, B, C, or D. It is not associated with any event or individual significant at the local, state or national level; it does not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represent the work of a master, or possess high artistic values, or represent a significant or distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; nor does this property have any archaeological potential..

The resource has lost its integrity due to alterations to the resource and its setting. The resource’s integrity of materials, design, and workmanship has been adversely affected by the replacement of the structure’s doors with modern plywood. Although remaining in its historic location, the structure’s integrity of setting, feeling and association has been adversely affected by the changes made to the surrounding setting of the base of which it was a part; by 2004 the majority of buildings of this period have been demolished, changing the historic character of the physical environment of the structure’s historic context.

Bibliographic Documentation

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Reference #: 1

Bibliographic RecordType: Map
Author: Giffels and Valet
Citation Abbreviation:
Notes: Giffels and Valet, Engineers and Architects, Detroit, Michigan. "General Plot Plan – Auxiliary Air Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1942.

Reference #: 2

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Citation Abbreviation:
Notes: "Map of Navy Auxiliary Air Station and Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1950.

Reference #: 3

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Author: U.S. Navy
Citation Abbreviation:
Notes: "Station Development Map – Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Naval Aviation Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1953.

Ownership Information

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Cultural Resource Management (CRM) Events

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CRM Event Notes or Comments: 200 Orchard Ridge Drive, Suite 101
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